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CINCEUR FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PEPRSOCI AG MR SS
SUBJ: ICRC OFFICIAL VISITS NOUAKCHOTT TO DISCUSS SAHARA PRISONER
QUESTION

1. ON MAY 8, AID REPRESENTATIVE HAD CHANCE MEETING WITH
DR. ED. KLOTER, A SWISS NATIONAL WHOSE VISITING CARD PRESENTS
HIM AS DISTRICT PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER AND MEDICAL DELEGATE OF
THE ICRC. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, KLOTER DESCRIBED HIM-
SELF AS AN "ASSISTANT" TO THE HEAD OF ICRC.

2. KLOTER SAID HE WAS HERE TO DISCUSS WITH MAURITANIAN AUTHORITIES
QUESTIONS OF PRISONERS OF WAR IN SAHARA CONFLICT. HE SAID THAT
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GIRM HAD PROMISED TO ALLOW HIM TO VISIT POLISARIO PRISONERS THEY WERE
HOLDING AND HAD ALSO AGREED TO SUPPLY HIM LIST OF THE 100-200
MAURITANIANS NOW BEING HELD BY POLISARIO. KLOTER ADDED THAT
AN ICRC DELEGATION WAS CURRENTLY IN ALGIERS ON SIMILAR MISSION.

3. MAURITANIANS HAVE GIVEN NO PUBLICITY TO KLOTER'S
VISIT, AND FON MINISTRY OFFICIAL WAS VERY GURADED IN

DISCUSSING MATTER WITH EMBOFF. GIRM, OFFICIAL SAID, HAD ALWAYS BEEN WILLING TO LET ANYONE VISIT POLISARIO PRISONERS. AS TO MAURITANIANS HELD BY POLISARIO, OFFICIAL SAID MAURITANIANS HAD BEEN WILL TO FURNISH ALGERIANS WITH LIST, PROVIDED GOA MADE OFFICIAL REQUEST THAT THIS BE DONE. HOWEVER, MAURITANIANS WOULD NEVER GIVE LIST TO POLISARIO, SINCE THIS WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO RECOGNIZING THAT GROUP. OFFICIAL DID NOT SPECULATE ON SIGNIFICANCE OF GIVING LIST TO ICRC.

4. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP MORE INFORMATION ON FOREGOING AND WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEES' COMMENTS. KRYZA

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